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In re Application of
Lacadie et al.
Application No. 10/021,453
Filed: October 29, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 0104-CP

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed November 4, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the restriction requirement mailed March 26, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on April 27, 2003.

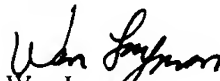
Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. If the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$1480.00 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on November 4, 2003 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account as authorized.

The file is now being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for further examination on the merits.

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